

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TROTTER

FROM : S. F. Latona

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4-22-68

Toison _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen *Ros* _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

LATENT PRINTS IDENTIFY GALT AS JAMES EARL RAY

Reference is made to memo Mr. Trotter to Mr. Mohr dated 4-19-68, reporting the identification of certain latent prints with the fingerprints of Bureau Fugitive James Earl Ray, FBI #306443A, and that additional comparisons were being made.

The comparisons are now completed and following listed latent fingerprints have been identified as fingerprints of James Earl Ray:

Memphis Evidence From Crime Scene:

Latent fingerprint on side of Remington model 760 rifle, Q2

Latent fingerprint on telescopic sight of this rifle, Q2

Latent fingerprint on binoculars, Q14

Latent fingerprint on Memphis newspaper, Q19

Latent fingerprint on "after shave lotion" bottle, Q24

Latent fingerprint on Schlitz beer can, Q53

Atlanta Evidence From Storage Room in Rooming House at 113 14th Street:

Two latent fingerprints on "Map of Mexico", Q194

The remaining latent fingerprints in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of Ray, who has now been assigned FBI #405942G (the number assigned to Eric Starvo Galt upon issue of the wanted flyer). Numerous latent palm prints and latent impressions of the lower joints of fingers have been developed in this case, but there

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Conrad

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are no palm prints or impressions of the lower joints of the fingers of Ray in Identification Division files for comparison.

ELIMINATION IDENTIFICATIONS

A latent fingerprint from the room in the "Flophouse" rented by "John Willard" has been identified as a fingerprint of a Memphis police officer.

A latent fingerprint developed on the registration card, Q86, of the Rebel Motel in Memphis bearing signature Eric S. Galt has been identified as a fingerprint of a motel employee.

Forty-seven latent fingerprints, twenty-four latent palm prints, and two latent impressions, which may be fingerprints, impressions of lower joints of fingers, or partial palm prints, remain unidentified in this case. These latent prints continue to be compared with suspects as they are developed.

Memphis, Birmingham, Atlanta, and General Investigative Divisions have been advised.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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